



## Blowers Green Primary Newsletter

April 2018 (5)



**DON'T FORGET!** - **Month of May = SATs** - Children in Year 6 will be taking their SATs during week commencing Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018. These are very important tests so it is essential that your child is in school, and on time, throughout the week. Breakfast will be offered, free of charge, from 7.45 am in the school hall. Please use the hall entrance. For any queries/information regarding the SATs breakfast, please speak to Miss Parkes.



**EGG DECORATING COMPETITION** Thank you to everyone who entered the Easter Egg Competition - we had some wonderfully created entries which were admired by parents and visitors to the school.

Well done to our winners: Tristan (Nursery), Latesha (Reception), Adam (Class 1), Taysia (Class 2), Hubert (Class 3), Sophie (Class 4), Yasmin (Class 5) & Alyssa (Class 6)

**We currently have a vacancy for 2 PARENT GOVERNORS.** No special qualifications are needed and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the governing body's work. However, we would particularly welcome nominations from parents with the following skills.

- **Community Relations**
- **Knowledge of the School and the Local Community**
- **Human Resources (HR)**
- **PR and Marketing**
- **Legal**
- **Project Management**

Parent governors are appointed for a period of four years, irrespective of whether their children remain in school during that period.

Please note that there will be a commitment to attend 6-12 meetings per year (**including evenings**).

If you are interested, please contact the school office for an application form. Closing date for applications is Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018

**The Holy Month of Ramadan - Requests to fast:** The School is aware, as we approach the Holy Month of Ramadan, that it is important that parents understand the school's responsibilities to those children who may wish to consider fasting. (please see attached). Please note that a child will not be able to fast without the full written consent of a parent/carer.

**PARENTAL SURVERY** - Thank you to all parents who have completed the parental survey. We value your comments and use them to continue to improve what we do. Your comments and views from the survey are summarised in the attached document. Thanks again for your continued support.



**CLUBS THIS TERM** are as follows:

**Monday:** Reception, KS1 & KS2 - Cricket, ICT/Brain training & Homework

**Tuesday:** Reception, KS1 & KS2 - Dodgeball & Art & Crafts

**Thursday:** Reception, KS1 & KS2 - Cooking & Athletics

**CELEBRATING SUCCESS** - Has your child achieved an award or certificate or passed a special exam outside of school? We are always looking to celebrate the success of our children at Blowers Green and so we would love to hear about any special achievements your children have been awarded.



**NOTE: OUR SCHOOL OFFICE IS OPEN MONDAY TO THURSDAY FROM 8.30AM - 4.15PM AND 8.30AM - 4.00PM ON A FRIDAY.** Pupil absences or any other message can be left via the telephone answering machine and will be actioned by the office staff during office hours.

**DIARY DATES** (provisional - may be subject to change)

03 May	<b>ELECTIONS - school closed for children</b>
07 May	May Day Bank Holiday
14 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>KS2 SATs</b>
28 May-01 June	Half Term
04 June	School reopens
<b><u>14 &amp; 15 June</u></b>	<b>INSET DAYS (PLEASE NOTE THIS 2 DAYS)</b>
19 June	Sports Day
21 June	Sports Day Reserve
11 July	Year 6 production p.m. Parents Evening Drop-in 3.30-5p.m.
20 July	Leavers Assembly at 9am.
20 July	<b>End of term</b>

Parental Survey November 2017  
(Academic Year 2017/18)

We value your comments and use them to continue to improve what we do. Your comments and views from the survey are summarised below (direct quotes- you may even recognise your contribution!), along with what the school has done so far...




- **The School Does This Well...**




- Staff very friendly and supportive. I am happy with my child coming to Blowers Green.
- They are a good school and take care of our child.
- This school is a nice school and we appreciate all the teachers. They give a good education to my children.
- Blowers Green Primary School are praised by the secondary school. Ex pupils are praised for their hard work, knowledge and their outstanding behaviour! Thank you Blowers Green!
- Blowers Green School is a very good school. Thanks to all the teachers for my children's education.
- Blowers Green are good at supplementing the children's knowledge. Thank you all.
- Supporting and informing parents.
- Great school. Parents are well informed about children's progress. Always here to help.
- Teachers doing a fantastic job. Very supportive and thanks for everything.
- Learning by playing-very interactive. Friendly staff.
- Support us when required with homework etc.
- Blowers Green are excellent team workers.
- Support for our kids is great.
- Brilliant support when my daughter had a problem with some older children
- Lots of encouragement given to the children when needed which in turn helps them to improve and grow in knowledge which in due course make good decisions.
- Excellent school my son has learned a lot in his first term at his new school. Thank you to all the teachers. Keep it up
- Excellent help and they have given me the best advice.
- Teachers' are brilliant at helping if we have a problem.
- Really support everything. Always someone to talk to if there are any concerns
- Blowers Green are doing a great job with our kids. Really happy about it as I am a new parent at this school. The welcome was just amazing.
- Always respond to concerns and deal with issues.

We are truly grateful for all the fabulous comments that we have received...thank you!

**Don't forget parents/carers can complete an online survey by visiting 'Parentview'**

## Even Better If...

<p><b>You said:</b></p> <p><i>'We need more reading challenge books so the children don't have to wait to receive a book'</i></p> 	<p><b>What we did:</b></p> <p>We have undertaken an audit of books that form the Reading Challenges</p> <p>A budget was allocated to purchase of additional books.</p> <p>Books were ordered</p>	<p><b>Impact:</b></p> <p><i>The school now has a good supply of Reading Challenge books for the children to read.</i></p> <p><i>Happy Reading Children!</i></p>
<p><b>You said:</b></p> <p><i>'Homework club possibly after school'</i></p> 	<p><b>What we did:</b></p> <p>We carried out a review of clubs and we were pleased to see just how many lovely activities have been offered over the past year.</p> <p>To help children with their homework, the 'Learning Lounge' is open daily from 7.45am. Children receive help and support with home learning activities. Those pupils eligible for Pupil Premium can attend one free session each week.</p>	<p><b>Impact:</b></p> <p><i>In addition to the Learning Lounge, the school now offers a weekly after school homework club that children can attend.</i></p>
<p><b>You said:</b></p> <p><i>'Can we have fancy dress days for charity?'</i></p> 	<p><b>What we did:</b></p> <p>There have been a wide range of fundraising activities over the past few years. These have included cake sales, sponsored events, hampers/raffles, wet sponge throws and even a couple of mufti days too!</p> <p><b>Money Raised:</b>          Comic Relief- £103          Cake Sales £96/ £56/£27          Raffles/Hampers £57/£64          Sponsored Run £700</p>	<p><b>Impact:</b></p> <p><i>Since the survey in November 2017, we have held two further fundraising mufti days.</i></p> <p><i>We plan to continue this by incorporating mufti days alongside other activities.</i></p>

<p><b>You said:</b></p> <p>'Christmas Fayres with Santa'</p> 	<p><b>What we did:</b></p> <p>In the past, the school has held Christmas Fayres but more recently decided to try something new in the way of 'Market Place' events. These have involved the children making and selling goods thus helping them to develop their enterprise skills. At the Christmas Party in December 2017, Santa visited the children with each child receiving a small gift. We are sure Santa will be a regular visitor to our school!</p>	<p><b>Impact:</b></p> <p>The Enterprise Committee of the School Council will be working on a 'Christmas Market' in preparation for 2018.</p>
<p><b>You said:</b></p> <p>'More rewards such as Golden Time' and Special Mentions'</p> 	<p><b>What we did:</b></p> <p>We understand the importance of motivating children and this is done in a number of ways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Well Done Stickers</li> <li>• Assemblies where the children receive a special mention along with their Challenge Badges.</li> <li>• Attendance Trips</li> <li>• Post Cards home</li> </ul> <p><i>We will be introducing a new award next term. Look out for our weekly 'Class Star of The Week'</i></p>	<p><b>Impact:</b></p> <p><i>We are always looking to celebrate the success of our children so we would love to hear about any special achievements your children have been awarded outside school.</i></p>
<p><b>You Said:</b></p> <p>'When marking a Reading Challenge give more details why the answer is wrong...'</p> 	<p><b>What we did:</b></p> <p>We discussed this as a staff group at a recent meeting and it was decided that the school would develop a 'Top Ten Tips' for completing a Reading Challenge...</p>	<p><b>Impact:</b></p> <p>Look out for the 'Top Ten Tips' ... in the meantime, staff are always available to support the children to successfully complete the challenges. Morning Learning is also a fabulous opportunity for children to work on their challenges.</p>